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Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 8:15 AM
To: Jacob, Dianne
Cc: Horn, Bill; Ron-Roberts; Roberts, Dave; Cox, Greg
Subject: Proposed Sand Mining in El Monte Valley
Attachments: Tricia Sand Letter.pages.zip

Dear Dianne,

Please read and consider the enclosed attachment concerning this project.

Thank You

Patricia Digenan

FROM THE DESK OF
PATRICIA DIGENAN

August 5, 2015

Dianne Jacob
1600 Pacific Hwy. #335
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Dear Dianne,

I am writing to express my concern with the proposed Sand Plant in the El Monte Valley in Lakeside. There are so many objections to this proposed project I hardly know where to begin.

I will start with the destruction and contamination of the natural aquifer that is El Monte Valley. One of the members of this project told a meeting of concerned citizens that they plan on using this water to wash the sand as it is dug out. Is this the best use of precious water in California? This water is now used to supply Helix Water District with water for their customers. How can this be justified? The intent is to dig down 90 plus feet on over 230 acres and eventually restore the area. What do you fill a hole that big with? It certainly cannot be natural or native to the area.

Another concern is this area has Valley fever in the soil. As these ancient soils are disturbed these spores will be circulated by the process inherent to a sand mining operation plus the natural air flow up and down the San Diego River. In the direct path of this air flow are two youth baseball fields, a BMX riding area, El Capitan High School, Lakeside Farms Elementary.

This project is bad for everyone, except those that stand to make money. Which brings me to Michael Beck. He is supposed to be the environmental steward, one of his partners is the owner of a Sand and Gravel company in Colorado. How is that to be allowed?

Sincerely yours,

Patricia Digenan